

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
MILLENNIAL STAR

ESTABLISHED IN 1840



Brigham Young Monument In Salt Lake City

A Scotch Magistrate marvelled At His Genius.

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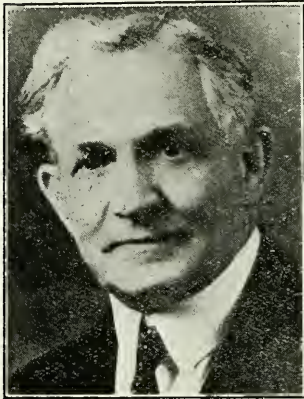
HAPPINESS AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER*

By PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

ALL mankind desire happiness. Many also strive sincerely to make the most and best of themselves. Surprisingly few, however, realize that a sure guide to such achievement may be found in the following declaration by Jesus of Nazareth: "Who-soever will save his life shall lose it: And whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

This significant passage contains a secret more worthy of possession than fame or dominion, something more valuable than all the wealth of the world.



President McKay

Explains a principle more valuable than wealth of the world.

It is a *principle* the application of which promises to supplant *discouragement* and *gloom* with *hope* and *gladness*; to fill life with *contentment* and *peace* everlasting. This being true, its acceptance would indeed be a boon today to this distracted, depression-ridden world. Why, then, do men and nations ignore a thing so precious.

Is the truth in the paradoxical statement, losing one's life to find it, so illusive that mankind cannot grasp it? Or is it so in conflict with the struggle for existence that men consider it impractical?

Even so, the fact remains that He who is "The Way, the Truth and the Life" has herein set forth an immutable law, obedience to which will

ameliorate those social and economic conditions in which "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Specifically stated, this law is, "*We live our lives most completely when we strive to make the world better and happier.*" The law of pure nature, survival of the fittest, is, *self-preservation at the sacrifice of all else*; but in contrast to this the law of true spiritual life is, *deny self for the good of others*.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints accepts as fundamental this law of life. Faithful members thereof are convinced that only in its application can true happiness be found or a truly great character be developed; and they believe with Emerson that "character is higher than intellect—a great soul will be fit to live as well as to think." To them, also, the safety and perpetuity of any nation depend upon the character-building, law-abiding individual.

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*An address delivered over Columbia network's "Church of The Air" at the General Conference in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Sunday, April 5.

THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD

THE following question comes from one of the Priesthood classes with a request that an answer be published.

“What is the difference between the Holy Ghost and the gift of the Holy Ghost?”

It is rather strange that such a question can arise and be discussed at length without a Priesthood class reaching the correct understanding. We are informed that “The Father has a body

of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us” (Doctrine and Covenants 130:22-23). The Saviour spoke of the Holy Ghost as Comforter, and, referring to this Comforter, always used the masculine pronouns “He” and “Him” as in the following instruction to His disciples:

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:16, 17, 26.)

The Holy Ghost, sometimes spoken of as the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and the Comforter, being a Personage of Spirit, has shape and form like any individual personage, and is the third member in the Godhead. It is through the Holy Ghost that the Father and the Son communicate

with those who have received the gift of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands.

The gift of the Holy Ghost is the right to the companionship of the Holy Ghost which is granted to every faithful, obedient member of the Church. This gift is received by the laying on of hands through the ministrations of those who have authority to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel.

Many members of the Church never receive the benefits of this guidance simply because they do not cleanse themselves from all

At Whitsuntide

SINCE 1871 Whitsuntide has been celebrated as a Bank Holiday in Great Britain. For centuries before the date was observed by some Christian peoples. Whitsuntide commemorates that memorable pentecostal day shortly after the ascension of our Lord when the promised Holy Ghost came to Jesus' Apostles in Judea of old. With the coming, the powers of the Twelve became preternatural, the Bible records.

To many, the conception of the nature and actuality of the Holy Ghost has long been clouded with conflicting impressions.

Here is an article which explains in clear, Scripture-supported terms the belief of Latter-day Saints concerning the third Personage of the Godhead and His mission among men.

sin "by the keeping of the commandments" and therefore they are not "just and true." The Holy Spirit will not dwell in unclean tabernacles, and will not be a companion and guide to those who will not "live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." It is for this reason that so many fail to be guided "into all truth and to have an abiding testimony of the Gospel."

The gift of the Holy Ghost is a blessing held in reserve for members of the Church. This gift is not bestowed on any others, and even members of the Church must live in harmony with the commandments or the Spirit will not come to them or abide with them. The Holy Ghost may come to any man and give him a testimony of the truth, and then will withdraw, leaving him to act on the impressions he has received. That was the case with Cornelius. He had no claim upon the teachings of the Holy Ghost other than the initial manifestation until after his baptism and confirmation when he received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Moroni, in closing the record of his people, said in relation to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon among the Gentiles:

And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things. (Moroni 10: 4.)

In harmony with this promise, thousands of members of the Church were convinced by the power of the Holy Ghost of the truth of this latter-day work, but they had no claim upon continued revelation from that source until they had the gift. (See *History of The Church*, 4: 555.)

WHILE the companionship of the Holy Ghost is reserved for those who have truly obeyed the Gospel, yet there is another Spirit which is given to all men by which they may be guided in righteousness through this mortal probation if they will hearken to the teachings of this Spirit. This is spoken of in the Scriptures as the Light of Truth, the Spirit of Jesus Christ and the Light of Christ. This Spirit radiates from God to fill the immensity of space. It is given to every person born into the world, according to the revelations. It is, without doubt, the Spirit which prompts men to do good and warns them against evil, and which is generally spoken of as conscience. The Lord has said of this Spirit:

For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit.

And every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit cometh unto God, even the Father. (Doctrine and Covenants 84: 45-47; see also Doctrine and Covenants 88: 5-13.)

This is the light spoken of by John in the first chapter of his Gospel. It is also spoken of by Mormon in his epistle to Moroni as follows:

For behold the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know
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KIDDERMINSTER CALLS

WE'LL see you at Kidderminster!

Almost since 1745, when a local manufacturer brought in a skilled hand-loom weaver from Flanders, a smug little town in the green hills of Worcestershire has been a carpet centre. Today it has become the axis of the world in this artful trade.

Transatlantic

SOME British Latter-day Saints may this year have the opportunity of listening to two M. I. A. conferences. In addition to the Mission sessions at Kidderminster, they may hear the Annual General Conference of the M. I. A. from the Salt Lake Tabernacle, which will probably be short-waved to Europe by Columbia Broadcasting System. Columbia will feature over its network of about seventy Canadian and American stations the combined M. I. A. Festival Chorus of approximately three thousand voices, along with an address on "Youth," from Salt Lake City June 14 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. (about 5 to 5:30 p.m. in Britain).

If the convention is transmitted to Europe as planned, the broadcast will mark the second recent American-European programme. Sermons of the First Presidency given over Columbia's "Church of the Air" at General Conference Sunday, April 5 were broadcast to Europe by short-wave.

But Kidderminster, in the past year, has become another centre. It has become the heart of Mutual Improvement Association activity of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain. Last year the first mission-wide M. I. A. Conference was held in this serene weaving village, and this year the Conference is repeated at Whitsuntide (May 30-June 1). Sessions will be held in Kidderminster Branch Chapel, Town Hall, Corn Exchange and Cooperative Hall.

From Kidderminster will go the pulsations that will keep alive the cultural and spiritual activities of M. I. A. in the 72 branches of the British Mission during the season of 1936-37.

"The Promise Is Unto You . . ." is the theme that will prevail through the sessions of public speaking and choral contests, athletic events, conventions, religious services, concerts, banqueting and dancing. That the 1936 Conference will surpass in attendance the inaugural one a year ago is assured in the reservations for lodging accommodations. By last Saturday—a week before the Conference—318 reservations had been made. All told last year there were 263 accommodations for Conference pilgrims.

This year's convention has been planned for months by members of the Mission Young Men's and Young Women's boards. Directing the work are Superintendent Ray M. Russell, his assistants, Brothers John Bleakley (first) and Lewis H. Tarr (second) and

Elder M. Neff Smart, executive secretary, of Y. M. M. I. A. and President Catherine L. M. Horner and her counsellors, Sisters Madeline E. R. Hill (first) and Ruth Elise Mace (second),

*Acts 2: 39,



Brigham Young Memorial Building
(Home of Y. M. M. I. A. General Offices in Salt Lake City)

TO THE BRITISH MISSION Y. M. M. I. A.

WE are very happy to learn that the second mission-wide M. I. A. Conference will soon be held in England.

We extend our greetings and best wishes for continued progress and happiness in the outstanding work which you are accomplishing.

Here in Salt Lake City, Utah, we are in the midst of preparation for our great Annual Conference which will include in its programme the annual message from President Heber J. Grant and his associates, an educational meet in teaching methods and recreation leadership. Also dance, music and drama festivals with national leaders participating and thousands of our young men and women on the programme.

It is a great joy to us to know that the work of the Lord is progressing throughout the world, and we are very happy that you are cooperating so effectively in the British Mission.

Kindly extend to President Joseph F. Merrill, President Joseph J. Cannon and all M. I. A. leaders and members our heartiest greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely your brethren,
ALBERT E. BOWEN
GEORGE Q. MORRIS
FRANKLIN L. WEST,
General Superintendency Y. M. M. I. A.

and Florence Ann Bickerstaff, secretary-treasurer, and Rose B. Bailey, Mission Beekeeper, of Y. W. M. I. A. This year the Primary is combining with the M. I. A. in presenting the programme. Sister Elizabeth Cornwall is Mission Primary Supervisor.

Here is a brief programme of the three days of spiritual, cultural and social feasting :

Saturday—10 a.m. *Registration* of all delegates begins at Grosvenor Hotel, Station Hill, Kidderminster. Lodgings will be assigned, ribbons and programmes distributed. All contest entrants must register before 2 p.m.

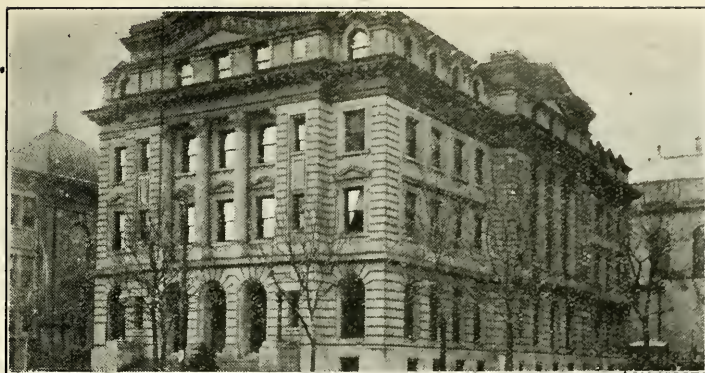
10 a.m. *Gleaner and Bee-Hive handicraft exhibits* open at Kidderminster Branch Chapel, Park Street. They continue until 3 p.m.

3 p.m. *M Men public speaking contest* begins at Kidderminster Branch Chapel, Park Street, and *Gleaner chorus contest* commences in Town Hall.

4 p.m. *Primary Executives' Meeting* in Cooperative Hall.

5 p.m. *Tea and reception* in Corn Exchange.

6:15 p.m. *Mission Honour Day exercises*, including finals of M Men public speaking and Gleaner chorus contests. Announcement of the *Millennial Star*-M. I. A. Kidderminster Poetry Contest winner, and awarding of M Men and District Achievement trophies.



Bishop's Building

(Home of Y. W. M. I. A. General Offices in Salt Lake City)

TO THE BRITISH MISSION Y. W. M. I. A.

A FEELING of pride and gratification filled our hearts when word reached us of your mission-wide M. I. A. Conference. We send our greetings and congratulations with a wish that the Conference may be a success in every way. Through such a gathering good beyond measure will be accomplished. You will make new friends and add to your store of knowledge. There will be an increase of faith and added interest. The feature that is most outstanding at our annual June Conferences has always been the great spiritual uplift that comes to all who attend. This we are assured will be experienced by you. It will be an inspirational time for all.

Our prayers are for you and our good wishes follow you. Although we may not be with you in person we are with you in purpose and spirit and feel that through our Church and its ideals we are bound to you with ties that shall last into eternity.

Sincerely your sisters,

RUTH MAY FOX

LUCY G. CANNON

CLARISSA A. BEESLEY,

General Presidency Y. W. M. I. A.

8:30 p.m. *Dance* in Town Hall to the strains of Paul Raffman and his New Rhythm Band.

Sunday—8 a.m. *Testimony meeting* in Kidderminster Branch Chapel.

10:30 a.m. *General Primary session* in Town Hall.

12:15 p.m. *Conference luncheon* in Corn Exchange.

2 p.m. *General session* in Town Hall.

4 p.m. *Separate executives' meetings*: Y. W. M. I. A. (Town Hall), Y. M. M. I. A. (Corn Exchange) and Primary (Town Hall cloak room).

5:15 p.m. *Conference tea* in Corn Exchange.

7 p.m. *General session* in Town Hall.

Monday—9 a.m. *Primary socials institute* in Cooperative Hall, Scouting instructions for Scouts and Scouters in Kidderminster Branch Chapel.

10 a.m. *Recreational institutes*: music (Town Hall), dancing (Cooperative Hall) and drama (Kidderminster Branch Chapel).

11 a.m. *M. I. A. socials institute* in Town Hall.

12:15 p.m. *Whitsuntide luncheon* in Corn Exchange.

1:30 p.m. *Exhibition of M Men softball* at Whitville Field.

2:30 p.m. *M Men and Gleaner track and field sports* and Gleaner knot-tying, folk dancing and singing contests at Whitville Field.

5:30 p.m. *Farewell tea* at Corn Exchange.

7:30 p.m. *Farewell concert* in Town Hall.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1936

EDITORIAL

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

IN our last week's issue we called attention to Elder Ashton's brief article outlining how the Church in North America proposes to give relief to its needy members. The Church is doing nothing new. It has always, when necessary, extended needed help to its worthy poor. But at this time an unusual amount of help is required, due to long continued unemployment and the abandonment of direct relief by the Federal Government. That Government will continue to spend vast sums in an attempt to cure the "depression," but this will be in the form of public works. In farming districts, however, this method of relief would obviously be inadequate. So the Church comes to the rescue, its help being especially timely in depressed agricultural areas.

What the Church is doing is especially noteworthy at this time when so many were viewing the immediate future with dismay. That the Church is able to afford relief to the great extent needed is indicative of an unusually vital organization, as measured by the standard of many other churches. During the Great War the American governments, both state and federal, happily came to know how efficiently the Church is organized to give practical help. This is a well-known and praiseworthy story to all members and we shall not repeat it here. The key is found in efficient organization and splendid service, rendered gratis.

During recent years no unusual calls on the Church for relief have been made. The needy sick, infirm and aged members have always been looked after by the Church. This has been done, primarily, through the efficient functioning of the Relief Society. And during recent years, though unemployment has been great and calls for relief very numerous, the Federal Government with the cooperative help of the States assumed the burden of providing for the needy. But beginning July 1 the Federal Government quits giving direct relief. Hence, in steps the Church to insure its members against suffering for the necessities of life. This is to be done in the main, not by giving alms to the able-bodied, but by self-help projects. Opportunities to earn are being opened up and people thus made happy by working for what they get. The Church is helping all capable of work to help themselves—the finest of all ways of rendering relief.

Obviously infirm and elderly people, widows with young children, etc., will require direct relief. And they will get it. The fast offerings of members, if fully paid, will provide the Church with the necessary means to take care of these people. Fast offerings are burdensome to none, even the poorest. They are the savings that result from observing the beneficial monthly fast

days. So the Church has a remarkable method of getting the means to provide in normal times for the needy. Faithful members observe the law of fast and make their offerings. If all members did so the Church would never lack for means to provide the necessities of the worthy poor. An appealing call has gone out to all the members of the Church to observe fully the law of the monthly fast, including its offerings. If the response is complete, the funds will be ample and none will be out of pocket, but all will be benefited. The Lord's plan is perfect; His promises sure.

A remarkable feature in the handling of relief funds of the Church, both in their gathering and distribution, is that the overhead cost is nil. Every penny received reaches the hands of the needy—not one goes to expense. This is a system possessed, perhaps, by no other organization or relief agency in the world. In this respect the Church system is perfect—100 per cent efficient.

We said above that the relief load now assumed by the Church is unusually heavy. This is due to the great unemployment that still persists in America. Yet the Church does not shrink on account of the magnitude of the job. It feels sure that members will adequately respond with their offerings. A careful survey has been made. The number needing relief is known. The available work and the fast offerings (assuming they will be fully paid) will provide the necessary relief. Hence the Church will again stand out among all the organizations in America as second to none in practical efficiency and in devotion to human welfare. In fact, the Church will probably be the only large religious body in America the members of which will not call upon their respective States for relief.

In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) all men are brothers. Among the members there are no class distinctions. They have accepted "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." It is unthinkable that there should be among them any suffering for the necessities of life, if relief is possible. Sharing has always been a cardinal virtue among them. This is to be made evident again on a larger scale than has been necessary during this generation.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

M. I. A. CONFERENCE

THE Grecian Olympics brought together every four years the flower of ancient culture. The finest physical development of strength, beauty and skill delighted the eyes of the multitudes. Poetry, drama and music delighted their minds. In much the same spirit the Latter-day Saints in different parts of the world hold their June conferences, and their enthusiasm suggests the old Athenian spirit. Whitsuntide the groups of young women and young men of the Mutual Improvement Associations of Great Britain will have their second annual meeting at Kidderminster. It appears a larger number will be there than last year. We hope the same wonderful spirit of friendliness will be present. The Mission authorities pray that there may be no accidents going or returning, that new friendships will be formed, that the M. I. A. spirit will be increased and that the work of the Lord may be advanced in this goodly land.—JOSEPH J. CANNON.

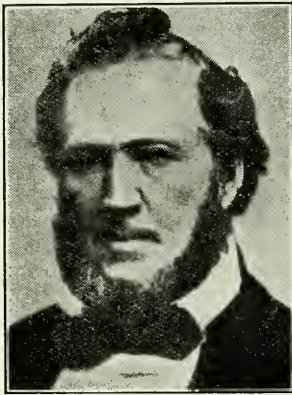
THIS WEEK IN MORMON HISTORY

Monuments To The Mastery Of President Brigham Young

ON a stone tablet inside St. Paul's Cathedral in London is scrolled a Latin inscription with this meaning, "If you seek his monument, look around you."

That epitaph is engraved on the tombstone of Sir Christopher Wren, whose architectural genius conceived the colossal Cathedral whose splendour has crowned Ludgate Hill since back in the dim, dark days of the seventeenth century.

Thoughts about Brigham Young such as those represented over Wren's remains must have filtered into the mind of William Thomson, former bailie (Scotch municipal magistrate), when he visited Salt Lake City this Spring. For among the many praiseworthy words which he wrote about Utah in a special feature article for the *Glasgow Weekly Herald* (May 9, 1936) were these:



President Young

"A sterling example of what the Gospel will do for man. . ."

Salt Lake City is probably the best laid out city in the States, fine broad boulevards, lovely streets, beautiful shops, fine homesteads. Prosperity seems to be in the air, and right in the centre of the city stands the monument (see cover) to the genius that created all this, Brigham Young.

The Scotsman's impressions of the Latter-day Saint leader are typical of those of all who today impartially probe into the accomplishments of the second president of the restored Church.

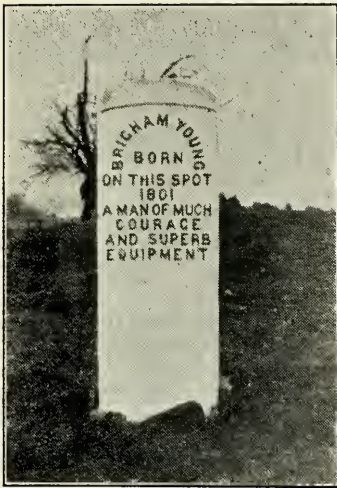
To those who really study this man, the stature of his character rises like a Titan among eighteenth century colonizers and empire-builders.

Today there remain many monuments to the mastery of Brigham Young, whose 135th birthday anniversary is **June 1**. To name them all would take chapters. However, a few of them might be listed.

He founded approximately one hundred cities in the wilderness of the Rocky Mountains, among them Salt Lake City, which many have described as America's most beautiful city, after leading modern Israel across 1500 trackless miles of sun-parched plains and craggy mountains. Under his direction, the Mormon Pioneers became the first Anglo-Saxons to employ irrigation.

Brigham Young began the only existing pioneer newspaper west of the Mississippi River—the *Deseret News*, June 15, 1850 and his "General Epistle" (December 23, 1847) to the saints was the first printing done in what is now the State of Nebraska. In 1846 he sent out the Mormon Battalion on what was to be history's longest march of infantry—over 2,000 miles through southwestern

America. He gave America its first department store when he organized Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution in Salt Lake City, October 16, 1868, and he signed in 1849 the act incorporating the first university west of the Missouri River, the University of Utah (then Deseret). He later founded Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and Brigham Young College in Logan, Utah. Social Hall, the first theatre west of the Missouri River was completed in Salt Lake City during his presidency. In 1870 he organized the world-famous Tabernacle Choir, which today provides the oldest regular national broadcast in the States and sings for approximately 5,000,000 listeners each week. He directed the building of the Salt Lake Tabernacle, dedicated in 1867 and now famed throughout the world for its excellent acoustics and architectural qualities. While he presided over the Church, two temples were completed, three others were begun.



In Remembrance

It was erected by an unknown admirer.

Behind his greatness lies a single motivating force. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Born June 1, 1801 in a log house in Whittingham, Vermont—not far from the birthplace of the Prophet Joseph Smith—he was nothing extraordinary as a young man. He was only an obscure cabinet-maker when he joined the Church at the age of thirty years.

Of his education, Brigham Young later wrote :

Brother Heber (C. Kimball) and I never went to school until we got into "Mormonism"; that was the first of our schooling. (*Journal of Discourses* III, pp. 323.)

Before he was a great leader, Brigham Young was a good follower. He once said :

In my experience I never did let an opportunity pass of getting with the Prophet Joseph and of hearing him speak in public or in private, so that I might draw understanding from the fountain from which he spoke, that I might have it and spring it forth when it was needed. My experience tells me that the great success with which the Lord has crowned my labours is owing to the fact of applying my heart to wisdom. (*Journal of Discourses* VIII, pp. 272.)

There was no end to his self-denial and sacrifice for the Gospel,

For example, he came to Britain on a mission in 1840 while sick of fever and practically penniless.

Certainly, Brigham Young is a sterling example of what the Gospel will do for man and what man will do for the Gospel.

Other Anniversaries This Week

June 1, 1843, Addison Pratt, Benjamin F. Grouard, Knowlton F. Hanks and Noah Rogers left Nauvoo, Illinois, as first latter-day missionaries to the Pacific Islands.

June 2, 1874—One hundred Goshute Red Indians were baptized by William Lee in Deep Creek, Tooele County, Utah. Many other Lamanites in western America were baptized shortly after.—WENDELL J. ASHTON.

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good from evil; wherefore I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. (Moroni 7: 16.)

From the Scriptures we learn that the Personage of Spirit, known as the Spirit of God, or Holy Ghost, is the third member of the Godhead, and that by the laying on of hands of one in authority, men and women receive the companionship of this Spirit, the mission of which is to guide them into all truth; to protect them against evil and teach them the things of the kingdom of God. Moreover, that there is another Spirit, known as the Light of Christ, or Spirit of Truth, which proceeds "forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space." This Spirit is not a personage, but an essence, substance, or influence, which gives life to all things. It is the power through which the Almighty works in the creation of worlds and through which they are governed. It also quickens the intelligence of man and will, if he will heed its influence and teachings, lead him to the fulness of truth, or the Gospel. Men can, and in the majority of cases do, rebel against this Spirit and refuse to hearken to its teachings, therefore they are not led to the light of the Gospel. Most men love darkness rather than light and are persuaded by the enemy of all righteousness to forsake the teachings of the Spirit of Christ and hence they remain in the bondage of sin because they do not repent and come unto Christ where His Spirit would, if they were willing to heed it, lead them.—(By APOSTLE JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, Church Historian, in the *Improvement Era*.)

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Therefore, in the heart of every true Latter-day Saint the voice of the Lord is ever whispering this recorded revelation:

Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;
And if it so be that you should labour all your days, . . . and bring,

save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!"

With this end in view, 50,000 men and women, serving willingly without salary, offer every week to over 500,000 children and youth instruction and guidance in character-building and spiritual growth. In addition to this army of officers and teachers, 185,000 men ordained to the Priesthood have accepted the obligation to devote their time and talents as far as possible to the scattering of sunshine, joy and peace among their fellowmen.

In all such efforts these men and women are but actuated by the high ideals of the Prophet of the Nineteenth Century who, exemplifying the teachings of Christ, said, "If my life is of no value to my friends, it is of no value to me."

Never was there a time in the history of the world when the application of this principle was more needed. Therefore, let sincere men and women the world over unite in earnest effort to supplant feelings of selfishness, hatred, animosity, greed, by the law of service to others, and thereby promote the peace and happiness of mankind.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Lecturer in Salt Lake Tabernacle May 9 was Captain Orvil A. Anderson, Latter-day Saint airman who November 11 piloted *Explorer II* balloon on a stratosphere flight 14 miles above the earth—nearly two miles higher than any previous record (*Star*, Nov. 21). Captain Anderson, who was born in Springville, Utah May 2, 1895 and who formerly attended Brigham Young University, described his ascent in a metal gondola swinging from a balloon as high as a thirty-story skyscraper. He was recently presented by General John J. Pershing (leader of the American forces in the Great War) with a Hubbard Gold Medal, with this comment: "You, Captain Orvil A. Anderson, piloted this aerial laboratory nearly two miles higher than man has ever flown before, and you brought to earth this unique cargo of scientific instruments as safely and as gently as if they had descended in an elevator." *National Geographic Magazine*, one of the sponsors of the flight, published in May, 1936 issue the first photograph ever made showing the troposphere (lower air layer) and stratosphere and the actual curvature of the earth—taken from an elevation of 72,395 feet on the flight piloted by Captain Anderson.

Kirtland Temple was built by a

little handful of Latter-day Saints during three hard years of privation and persecution. Its dimensions were revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith by the Lord (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 95). One hundred years after its dedication, *The Architectural Forum* (March, 1936), in its "Historic American Buildings Survey," published these words about this, the Mormons' first temple: "The workmanship, moldings, carving, etc., show unusual skill in execution. Many motives are used in the various parts, varying in outline, contour and design, but blended harmoniously. . . . It is not probable that all the workmen engaged on the building were skilled artisans and yet the result is so harmonious as to raise the question if they may not have been inspired as were the builders of cathedrals of old."

Membership of the Hawaiian Mission of the Church has increased more than 2,000 in the past five years, bringing the total in excess of 14,000. Returning to his Ogden, Utah home after serving five years as Mission president on the Islands, President Castle H. Murphy reported he had dedicated 13 chapels there, purchased a site recently for erection of a £5,600 tabernacle at Honolulu.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Prophecy—Gathering of the Jews in Palestine in these days and an introduction into Christianity of paganism at the time of Constantine were two points brought out by Dr. M. Gaster, eminent Jewish scholar, in a lecture prepared by him and read by his son before the British Philosophical Society (Victoria Institute) March 23. Said the author, who has written several historical books and has served as vice-president of the Anglo-Jewish Society, in his concluding remarks: "Today a revival of the Hebrew language has taken place. It is no longer a mere literary but a living tongue, expressing by word of mouth the inner movements of the spirit. What is more, a gathering of nations is beginning to take place. Palestine, derelict for centuries, is becoming again the Holy Land of Israel and in tens of thousands,

Jews are 'going up' once more buoyed up by the great hope of a national home as a future nationhood in the land of their fathers." All of this is in fulfillment of Old Testament and Book of Mormon prophecy (see Jer. 33: 10-11; 32: 36-44; Isa. 11: 12; B. of M. 2 Nephi 25: 9-19). Mormonism teaches that there was an apostasy from the pure teachings of Christ and His Apostles a few decades after the death of the Apostles, and that His Gospel (as taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) has been restored in these last days. Read another significant sentence in Dr. Gaster's speech: "With the adoption of Christianity as a state religion by Constantine, a spirit of fanaticism was introduced into the Church which was borrowed from the ancient Greeks."

LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ELDER JAMES H. MOYLE, United States Commissioner of Customs, was guest speaker at the evening session of London District Conference in Battersea Town Hall, London Sunday, May 17. The meeting concluded the Spring series of 14 district conferences throughout the Mission.

Elder Moyle, visiting in London on official government business, related how he interviewed David Whitmer, one of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon, at his Richmond, Missouri home shortly before he died in 1888. "David Whitmer held to that testimony just as fervently as he had done all his days," Elder Moyle said. "He related to me how he had beheld the Angel Moroni in the broad daylight, and had seen with his own eyes the gold plates upon which the Book of Mormon records were written." Elder Moyle also told of his hearing another of the Witnesses, Martin Harris, declare his testimony before a Salt Lake Tabernacle assemblage.

Other evening speakers were

President Joseph F. Merrill and President Joseph J. Cannon. President Merrill said that the fact that all three of the Witnesses left the Church, but yet never denied their testimony of beholding the Angel and the plates was irrefutable evidence of the divinity of the Book. President Cannon read a quotation from the Book of Mormon, "Man is that he might have joy," and said that it expressed the outlook of Latter-day Saints toward life.

District President Andre K. Anastasiou conducted the evening service, attended by 211 persons. Brother William C. McCormick of the district presidency conducted the afternoon testimony meeting. Sister Ramona W. Cannon, Mission Relief Society president, directed a model Sunday School in the morning. Elder Bertram T. Willis, Mission Sunday School Superintendent, spoke. Special music at the sessions was provided by the district choir, conducted by Dr. Ray M. Russell.

A social and concert in "Ravenslea" was held Saturday, May 16.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: Liverpool—Elder David Y. Rogers was sustained as Blackburn Branch president at branch conference Sunday, May 10, in the branch hall, President Walter Thompson retiring because of ill health. Speakers included Supervising Elder Spencer J. Klomp, Brother Herbert F. Taylor and Sister Dorothy L. Shorrock.

A playlet written by Superintendent Clifford Hartley was presented at Sunday School Mother's Day services in Preston Branch hall May 10. Characters were Sisters Laura and Irene Winn, Daisy Cookman and Brothers Hartley and Harold Corless. Red roses were presented to all mothers present.

A "Hamburger Social" was sponsored by Preston Branch Sunday School Tuesday, May 5, with Sister Irene Winn in charge. Elder Dale L. Barton and Sister Mary C. Hartley were "chefs."

Manchester—Hyde Branch Birthday Club held its annual banquet Saturday, May 9. An interesting programme followed.

"Down Pioneer Trails" illustrated lantern lecture was given Friday, May 15 at Rochdale Boy Scouts Headquarters by Elders Franklin W. Gunnell and Leonard L. Moffett. An hour discussion on Mormonism followed, and the elders were invited to return for another lecture in the near future.

Mothers were presented potted plants at Mother's Day services in Hyde Branch hall Sunday, May 10.

Irish—The annual M Men Gleaner banquet was held in Irish Branch hall Saturday, May 9, with M Men President R. Dougherty and Gleaner President Jean B. Cussans in charge. Brother Joseph Ditty was toastmaster, and responses were given by Sister Lillian Ditty (Gleaner) and Brother Joseph W. Darling (M Man), Supervising Elder Dudley M. Leavitt and Sister Ruby Gillan, district Y. W. M.

Going Up!

A PEEP into the big, green record book of Elder Fred Glade, Star Circulation Manager, indicates that since January 1, there have been 215 new subscribers added, that Supervising Elder Ervin M. Skonsen of Leeds District obtained 25 "starts" in one month.

A random selection of recent readers' letters produces these excerpts:

Not having received Millennium Star No. 10 of this year, I would be very thankful if you could send me the same. . . . The loss is due to miscarriage in the mails. . . . I can hardly afford to miss a single copy. . . . I eagerly look forward to every number of the Star.

ROBERT W. CURRIE
Srinagar Kashmir, India.

We congratulate you on your issue of the Millennium Star for April 2, 1936, commemorating the centennial of the visitation of the Prophet Elijah. We find this a very interesting number.

ARCHIBALD F. BENNETT
Salt Lake City
(Secretary Genealogical Society of Utah.)

Will you kindly send three copies of the Millennium Star, May 7? I think it is a beautiful tribute to Mother.

MRS. B. FELLOWS
Leigh, Lancashire.

The Star is very interesting, educational and stimulating.

BENJAMIN R. BIRCHALL
Dublin, Ireland.

I. A. supervisor. Prior to the banquet several M Men were initiated into the group. Three representatives of the branch have been

chosen to compete in the Mission M Men track and field meet at Kidderminster.

Nottingham—Sister Edith Limb was in charge of Mansfield Branch annual M Men-Gleaner banquet in the branch hall, which was artistically draped in Gold and Green colours. A concert and games comprised the evening's entertainment.

Leeds—Bradford M Men defeated Leeds Black Giants at Brackenedge, Harchills, Leeds in the first game of Leeds Amateur Baseball League Saturday, May 9.

A musical festival was given in Clayton Branch hall Wednesday, May 6, by the M. I. A. Misses Doreen Smithers and Mildred Gledhill and Sister Dolly Wollworth were soloists, and an M Men-Gleaner chorus sang. Other numbers included community singing, harmonica selections and demonstrations of two M. I. A. dances.

Gleaners and M Men of Clayton Branch enjoyed a social at the home of Sister Alice Kenworthy Saturday, May 9.

Funds realized at a social and supper prepared by Sisters Lavina Craven and Mary L. Heaton Wednesday, May 13 went toward Clayton Branch Kidderminster Conference Fund. Sister Marie Craven was in charge of games and dancing.

A Sunday School social entertained members and friends of Batley Branch in the branch hall Saturday evening, May 9. Conducted by Branch President Fred Laycock, the affair included games, dancing and vocal solos by President Laycock and Sister Beatrice Laycock. It was climaxed with a delicious supper.

Mothers were honoured at special services in Batley Branch hall Sunday, May 10. Flowers were distributed among them and a programme was presented, including talks by District President George W. Laycock, Branch President Fred Laycock, Elder Theron L. Labrum, Brothers Thomas Moss Jr. and John H. Moore and Sisters Norah Moss and Jessiè M. Gregory.

DEATH

FARREN — Mr. James Henry Farren, 65, husband of Sister Margaret Hamilton Farren of Swansea, was buried in Cardiff Cemetery April 14, following his death April 10 after lingering illness. Services

were conducted both at his home and at the graveside. He was long a friend of the elders of the Church and was for many years manager of South Wales Laundry.

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